

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

*Following the Claims, please add the Abstract as follows:*

--A method and device for changing input states of an electronic device is disclosed, the device comprising input means and being capable of carrying out user operations, the input states comprising a locked state, where the use of the input means is significantly restricted, and an unlocked state, where the use of the input means is not restricted, the locked state being enterable by a locking input, and the unlocked state being enterable by an unlocking input, characterised in that the input states further comprise an intermediate unlocked state; which method comprises the steps of: entering said intermediate unlocked state based on user input; detecting termination of a user operation in the intermediate unlocked state, the user operation being other than the locking input; and entering the locked state, in response to detection. There is also provided an input controller, a keypad and a mobile electronic device implementing these features.--

(Fig. 1 for publication)